

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 89 and 90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sogard in view of Nakasuji, and claims 67-88 and 91-100 were allowed.

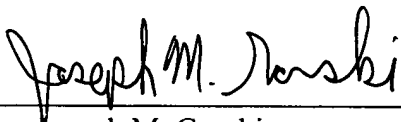
Accordingly, in order to place this application in condition for allowance, by the current amendment claims 89 and 90 are canceled, whereby only allowed claims 67-88 and 91-100 remain.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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